Shatabdi Express between Delhi and Agra

4764.SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commission on Railway Safety has refused to give green signal to start Shatabdi Express between Delhi and Agra @ 150 kmph;

(b) whether it is not a fact that as per the integrated plan of the Railway Ministry, the speed of Shatabdi trains have to be increased from 1st April, 2005;

(c) if so, the reasons for not allowing Shatabdi Express @ 150 kmph by Commission on Railway Safety; and

(d) the basic objections raised by the Commissioner on Railway Safety to run train between Delhi and Agra @ 150 kmph?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS) has not, so far, cleared running of this train.

(b) No, Sir. The Integrated Railway Modernisation Plan, envisaged increasing speed of only one Shatabdi train between New Delhi-Agra Cantt during 2004-05.

(c) and (d) The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS) has not, so far, cleared the running of Shatabdi train at 150 kmph speed on New Delhi-Agra Cantt section. The CCRS has forwarded the applications for permission to run the said train of Northern Railway and North Central Railway, with certain observations, to Railway Board.

CCRS has drawn attention to issues like provision of fencing throughout to prevent cattle straying on to track, train protection and warning system as an additional measure to prevent a driver passing signal at danger, provision of frills on lifting barrier at level crossing gates as an additional measure to prevent entry of road users in a closed gate, Ultrasonic Flaw Detection (USFD) of rails by SPURT car in addition to manual testing etc.

Wastage of diesel at Gorakhpur station

†4765. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 30 thousand litres of diesel was

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

wasted through the drains due to the leakage in the wagon standing in the warehouse of Gorakhpur Railway Station of N.E. Railway;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted by the Railways in this incident; and

(c) if so, the facts in this regad alongwith the action taken against the person responsible for this incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An enquiry has been conducted by three Junior Administrative Grade Officers. It has been found that nine tank wagons loaded with High Speed Diesel (HSD) oil were placed on Railway diesel installation decanting line at 1600 hrs. on 23.3.05. No leakage was observed by Railway staff at the time. These wagons could not be decanted on 23.3.05 as decanting has to be done in day light hours only. On 24.3.05 at 07:00 hrs. it was brought to the notice of Railway staff that High Speed Diesel (HSD) oil has found way into an outside drain. The leakage was found by staff from one of the tank wagons placed at Railway Diesel Installation (RDI) decanting line. It was discovered that High Speed Diesel oil was flowing from both the decanting valves of 2nd wagon from Railway Diesel Installation (RDI) end of South side decanting line.

The above mentioned leakage of High Speed Diesel oil seems to be handiwork of some unidentified miscreants. First Information Report (FIR) was lodged on 24.3.05 with Government Railway Police (GRP) Thana, Gorakhpur after preparation of joint report on the incident by Senior Supervisors.

Safeguarding logistic economy

4766. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have addressed the logistic economy specifically in case of small scale industries clusters;

(b) whether the Indian Railway propose to have approach towards safeguarding logistic economy between the small scale industry cluster and their potential market which needs to be extended throughout the country for exposing cluster based economies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?